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**From:** Star, David [star.david@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/12/2019 9:19:57 PM  
**To:** Moss, Suzanne [suzanne.moss@illinois.gov]; Owens, Doug [Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov]  
**CC:** Beaver, Brad [brad.beaver@illinois.gov]; Noyes, Kari [Kari.Noyes@illinois.gov]; Niess, Claudia [niess.claudia@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Compliance Issue: Ottawa Plant Food Inc. - Unauthorized Repackaging and Sale

**Importance:** High

Suzanne:

**Ex. 7(E)**

Please have the investigator assigned to this follow-up investigation contact Claudia Niess for the details to be addressed during such an investigation.

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Syngenta has contacted IDOA this week and asked us if anyone will be following up on this since there is no re-pack agreement.

Do you want IDA to conduct a follow-up investigation on this? Please advise. Thanks!

**Suzanne Moss-Support Services Manager**  
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**Subject:** [External] FW: Compliance Issue: Ottawa Plant Food Inc. - Unauthorized Repackaging and Sale  
**Importance:** High

Suzanne – I'm forwarding this to Dave Star and Claudia Niess as this is enforcement related. They can answer your questions.

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**From:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>  
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Hi Susan... Please see the attached letter from Mr. Stephen Strong/Syngenta that was sent to IDA and sent to David Starr as noted on the cc at the end of the letter.

Do you want us to perform a PEI-For Cause for this situation or will Region 5 be handling it?

Just wanted to double check with you! Please advise... thanks!

## Suzanne Moss-Support Services Manager

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**Subject:** [External] Compliance Issue: Ottawa Plant Food Inc. - Unauthorized Repackaging and Sale

Deputy Director Goetsch,

As we discussed, attached is the letter that has been sent to Ottawa Plant Food Inc. concerning the unauthorized repackaging and sale of Acuron Herbicide. Syngenta is copying the IL Department of Agriculture and Region 5 EPA concerning this compliance matter which was discovered regarding one of our products.

Insuring compliance with the distribution, sale and use of our products is extremely important to Syngenta. We sincerely hope that this letter along with any subsequent inspection and/or compliance audit will result in a change in behavior and the compliance improvements required by this retailer.

Let me know if you have any questions or require further information concerning this issue.

*David Flakne*

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